

# Changes To Oyster Drill (*Ocenebrellus inornatus*) Restricted Areas



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# Presentation Outline

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# Oyster Drill Restricted Areas Background

- The Japanese oyster drill was introduced into Washington waters in the early 1900s along with imported oysters
- Natural spread is very slow
- Shellfish transfers can spread drills to un-infested areas
- Regulated shellfish transfer permits issued by WDFW minimize the transfer and distribution of drills
- Drill area expansion is monitored through tideland inspections
- Shellfish industry supports regulations and restrictions for limiting the spread of oyster drills

- Drills lay eggs on oyster shell
- No planktonic larval stage
- Easily introduced into new areas through movement of oyster shell
- Adults prey on all species of oysters





# Why Changes to Oyster Drill Areas are Needed

- Technical adjustments (latitude/longitude) in two drill area WACs
- Expansion of oyster drills in two areas (Birch Bay & Dosewallips)

# Public Input

- Rule change proposals posted on Department website
- No comments received

# Questions